

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
U. S. Application No. 10/699,814

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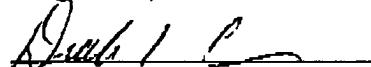
REMARKS

Applicant's representatives thank the Examiner for agreeing to reconsider whether the amendment to claim 13, as set forth in the Amendment dated November 24, 2004, requires further search and/or consideration.

In the November 24th Amendment, Applicants simply amended claim 13 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection thereof. That is, the amendment was only made to clear up an antecedent basis issue. In numbered paragraph three (3) of the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to claim 13 was made only to overcome the rejections thereof, and does not change the scope of the claim such that further search and/or consideration is necessitated. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter amended claim 13, as set forth in the November 24th Amendment, and allow this case.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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